

VIRGINIA: AT A REGULAR MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF BLUEFIELD, VIRGINIA HELD AT THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS OF THE TOWN HALL IN BLUEFIELD, VIRGINIA ON THE 10TH DAY OF DECEMBER, 2019.

A RESOLUTION TO UPHOLD THE CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS OF THE LAW-ABIDING CITIZENS OF THE TOWN OF BLUEFIELD, VIRGINIA TO KEEP AND BEAR ARMS, AND TO FURTHER DECLARE THE TOWN OF BLUEFIELD, VIRGINIA A “SECOND AMENDMENT SANCTUARY”

WHEREAS, the Second Amendment of the Constitution of the United States of America (“the Second Amendment”) reads: “A well regulated Militia, being necessary to the security of a free State, the right of the people to keep and bear Arms, shall not be infringed.”; and

WHEREAS, Section 13 of Article I of the Constitution of Virginia reads “That a well regulated militia, composed of the body of the people, trained to arms, is the proper, natural, and safe defense of a free state, therefore, the right of the people to keep and bear arms shall not be infringed; that standing armies, in time of peace, should be avoided as dangerous to liberty; and that in all cases the military should be under strict subordination to, and governed by, the civil power.”; and

WHEREAS, in the 2019 sessions of the General Assembly of Virginia and the United States Congress, certain bills concerning firearms were introduced, and the Council of the Town of Bluefield, Virginia noted some of the language in those bills could be interpreted as 1) infringing upon the constitutional rights of the law-abiding citizens of the Town of Bluefield, Virginia to keep and bear Arms or 2) imposing unnecessary restrictions on the Second Amendment rights of the law-abiding citizens of the Town of Bluefield, Virginia; and

WHEREAS, the Council of the Town of Bluefield, Virginia is concerned Governor Ralph Northam, the present Governor of Virginia, will be working with members of the General Assembly of Virginia to re-introduce certain proposed “gun safety legislation” in 2020 that could be interpreted 1) as infringing upon the constitutional rights of the law-abiding citizens of the Town of Bluefield, Virginia to keep and bear Arms or 2) as imposing unnecessary restrictions on the Second Amendment rights of the law-abiding citizens of the Town of Bluefield, Virginia; and

WHEREAS, the Council of the Town of Bluefield, Virginia desires to express its commitment to preserving the constitutional rights of the law-abiding citizens of the Town of Bluefield, Virginia to keep and bear Arms; and

WHEREAS, the Council of the Town of Bluefield, Virginia further desires to express its intent to declare the Town of Bluefield, Virginia a “Second Amendment Sanctuary”, and to further oppose, within the limits of the Constitutions of the United States of America and the Commonwealth of Virginia, any and all efforts to unconstitutionally restrict the rights of the law-abiding citizens of the Town of Bluefield, Virginia to keep and bear Arms, through the use of legal action and the power of appropriation of public funds and public resources.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF BLUEFIELD, VIRGINIA that the Council of the Town of Bluefield, Virginia declares its intent to uphold the Second Amendment rights of the citizens of the Town of Bluefield, Virginia.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF BLUEFIELD, VIRGINIA that the Council of the Town of Bluefield, Virginia declares its intent to oppose unconstitutional restrictions on the rights of the law-abiding citizens of the Town of Bluefield, Virginia to keep and bear Arms through such legal means as may be necessary.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF BLUEFIELD, VIRGINIA that the Council of the Town of Bluefield, Virginia hereby declares the Town of Bluefield, Virginia a “Second Amendment Sanctuary”.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF BLUEFIELD, VIRGINIA that Kim Hernandez, the Town Clerk of the Town of Bluefield, Virginia, shall forward a copy of this resolution to the primary office addresses of its state and federal legislative representatives, and any other persons, committees, organizations, and localities as directed by the Council of the Town of Bluefield, Virginia.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF BLUEFIELD, VIRGINIA that this resolution is hereby adopted on this 10th day of December 2019, and shall be effective upon adoption.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF BLUEFIELD, VIRGINIA that Donald R. Harris, the Mayor of the Town of Bluefield, Virginia, shall execute this resolution on behalf of the said Council.

IT IS SO RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF BLUEFIELD, VIRGINIA on this 10th day of December, 2019.

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PUBLIC HEARING:

NONE

MOTION TO ADOPT MADE BY:

Ron Helt

MOTION TO ADOPT SECONDED BY:

Charles Presley

ADOPTION DATE:

12/10/2019

EFFECTIVE DATE:

12/10/2019

Name of Councilman	Attendance (Present or Absent)	Vote (Aye, Nay, Abstain, or Absent)
Angela Jigg, Jr.	Present	Aye
Charles Presley	Present	Aye
Gabriel Bailey	Absent	Absent
Don Harris	Present	Aye
Jimmy Jones	Present	Aye
Ron Helt	Present	Aye

RESULT OF VOTE:

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AYES

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NAYES

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ABSTENTIONS

COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF BLUEFIELD, VIRGINIA

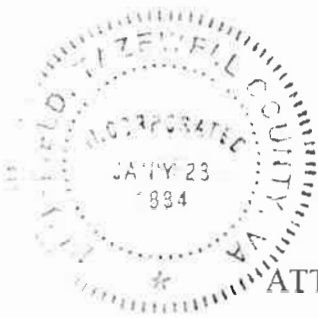
BY:

Donald R. Harris
DONALD R. HARRIS, MAYOR

12-10-19

DATE

TOWN OF BLUEFIELD, A VIRGINIA MUNICIPAL CORPORATION



ATTEST:

Kim Hernandez

KIM HERNANDEZ, TOWN CLERK

12/10/19

DATE

TOWN OF BLUEFIELD, A VIRGINIA MUNICIPAL CORPORATION